



Journey to Japan RAMBLINGS IN JAPAN

by T. Geo. Wood.

This week we shall explore the Noh Plays that we saw at the Kansai aikon Theater. This is a brand new building, Post war.

The Noh dramas are over seven hundred years old. They originated as a form of lyric drama evolved from the entertainments at Buddhist and Shinto temple festivals.

Most of their stories were written in 14th and 15th Centuries and have been preserved with care. It is said that over 1000 were written, over 800 survive and there are still around 250 performed. There are only a few characters in each drama. Noh dramas are therefore highly stylized art and of course almost unintelligible to Westerners.

Noh has been described as a solemn operatic performance combining language, music and dancing, with rhythmic recitative chants. The chief actors only use the famous Noh Mask to indicate women, devils, lions and priests. The minor characters appear unmasked.

There are five separate schools of Noh players, and each of them have a theater. These are, unlike any other stages, not curtained. The Kanzeikak-an Stage was not large, 27 feet wide 18 feet deep. Covered with a Shinto Shrine roof. The sides of the stage are open, just a railing and all the woodwork is in natural highly polished wood. Below the stage, a walkway of dark pebbles is relieved by a few live small pine trees. At the back of the stage is painted a symbolic pine tree - no other decorations.

To the left of the stage is a polished corridor with open balustrade that runs to the room from which all the actors emerge, and with slow stately steps, move in character, in plain sight to the stage itself and return again.

We were fortunate to be at a benefit performance attended by the Japanese Embassy and therefore the audience were all of the elite class of society. Mainly dressed in Japanese style, the women wore beautiful kimono and obi. The Empress had on a soft green one and her ladies in various beautiful shades. They had a private box in the balcony and after they were seated the slow activity began.

First the orchestra seat themselves on the floor of the stage. Only three men - two drummers and a flautist. Following them, the chorus filed in and sat in two rows to the right. All these men were in uniform - a deep (continued on page five)

Stirling Stories

The Stirling Ward M. I. A. held their Musical Festival on Tuesday evening. Stake Board members from Raymond were present.

Mrs. Dorothy Hirsche was hostess to the Mon Ami Club recently. Mrs. Amy Spackman was in charge of the entertainment and demonstrated her talent of jewellery making. The hostess served a very nice lunch.

Leland Holman has returned from Portland, Ore. where he attended his brothers funeral.

Mrs. Nellie Christensen entertained a few friends last week, the occasion being her birthday. A very delicious lunch was enjoyed.

Mrs. Anne Nelson is visiting her son-in-law and family, Allan Oler in Rosemary.

Miss Marilyn Christensen, who has recently returned from the British Isles Mission was the honored guest at a welcome home party held recently in the Ward Recreation Hall. A entertaining program was followed by a dance and lunch. A large crowd enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Elodie Christensen and Mrs. Margaret Zaugg have returned from a trip to Regina, Sask. where they attended the Drama Festival which was held there.



"THE CANADIAN" HEADS WEST: W. A. Mather, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway (right inset) pulls the switch that sends "The Canadian" - C. P. R.'s new transcontinental scenic dome train - on her way across the nation, as Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal looks on. The gleaming, all stainless steel stream-

liner streaked through the 2,881 miles from Montreal to Vancouver in 71 hrs and 10 minutes, as compared with the former transcontinental time of 87 hours and 10 minutes. Eastbound, the schedule has been reduced by 12 hrs and 30 minutes to 70 hours, 20 minutes. Thousands of persons lined the right of way as "The Canadian" made her inaugural run across the nation that saw her arrive at Vancouver destination right on schedule. In the above photo "The Canadian" is shown leaving Windsor Station which appears in the background. Upon arriving at Sudbury seven cars were added to the train to make it a 15 car train for the westward journey.

Air Cadet Activities

All Cadets are reminded of the trip to Station Claresholm for the Air Cadet Rally on May 29th. Transportation will be by school van.

Cadets are reminded again that the annual inspection will be held on June 7th. Also Cadets having any snapshots are asked to bring them in to put in the Squadron Scrap Book.

The weiner roast held on May 16th was a huge success. We hope too many Cadets were not sick the next morning. Also on the 16th the Squadron was visited by F/L Everson and two Flight Cadets from Calgary and Taber who are stationed at Royal Roads, who outlined the opportunities provided by the R.C.A.F.

Wrentham Notes

Barbara Davidson
Dick Mueller is a patient in a Lethbridge hospital.

The Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Lillian Slingsby, Saturday evening. Entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Vera Head, with whist and contest prizes going to Carla Grover, Marge Jones and Esther Bishop.

Lunch was served and Mrs. Slingsby received a gift of china.

The Farmers Union held its regular meeting Friday evening with a fair crowd in attendance. Guest speaker was Jack Sexsmith of the Lethbridge Experimental station who gave an interesting address on weed control.

The Home and School Association held its May Meeting at the School Tuesday evening. President Jack Tilbrook conducted the meeting. High light of the evening was the report on the Banff workshop given in detail by Mrs. Helen Jones.

The banner was won by the grade 3 and 4 room. Lunch was served. Next month a new slate of officers will be chosen for the coming year so a good attendance is requested.

At the recent meeting of the Lions Club Victor Slingsby was chosen as president for the next season. Other officers will remain the same.

The Welfare Circle met at the Church for its regular meeting on Wednesday. The sum of \$50.00 was donated to the school for retarded children. The cancer drive being conducted by this organization is meeting with good response.

Mrs. Madge Fairbanks was the lucky winner of the gas hot water-heater given away at the gas appliance demonstration held in the 1st Ward Church recently.

Spring Wedding Of Interest In Calgary

CHRISTIE - DAHL

A quiet but pretty wedding of interest to Raymond residents was solemnized in the Central United Church in Calgary on May 7th, when Jean Ann Dahl, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dahl of Raymond exchanged vows with Ian Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Christie of Calgary. The bride given in marriage by her father was charming in a pink suit complimented by a gardenia corsage. She was attended by Miss Norma Leisner as bridesmaid, while the groom's brother, Bob Christie acted as best man.

The Rev. Dr. Switcher officiated at the afternoon ceremony in the presence of relatives and close friends. A reception was held at the home of the grooms parents immediately following the services. D. R. M. Sholdice proposed the toast to the bride and the groom gave the response.

The brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dahl and family were present. The young couple will make their home in Calgary where they are both employed.

What Happened At Council Meeting

(Continued from last week)

GAS SERVICE It was reported that the Gas Company had installed some service on top of sewer and water services without checking their location with the town. Moved by Councillor Salmon that the company be written a letter bringing this to their attention and suggesting that some such service may have to be moved and requested that they check with the town Foreman as to water and sewer services before gas services were installed.

Re: Lee Brewerton and Parts of Lots 14 and 16 Blk. 13 - Whereas Lee Brewerton had agreed with the town to trade the town a 12 ft. lane of the North end of Lot 14, 15, & 16 in return for permission to extend his theatre completely across the lane north of the said lots. Moved by Councillor Wilde that the Secretary therefore, obtain transfer from Mr. Brewerton of the South 121 of the north 17 feet of such portions of lots 16 to a point at the south west corner of said theatre extensions and covering the north 17 feet of the remainder of Lot 14, 15 and 16 in order that access to the remainder of the land might be obtained and if and when permission to close the portion of said lane now occupied by the theatre was obtained and the town obtain (continued on page four)

Meedames Lucy Balkin, Elsie Selk, Grace Judd, Midge Fawns, Lu Witbeck and Amelia Hartley honored Mrs. Georgia Heggie at a birthday party on Friday evening. Pot Luck lunch was enjoyed and a gift was presented to Mrs. Heggie from the group.

Miss Joan Jessop who is in nurses training in Lethbridge, visited her mother, Mrs. Margaret Jessop for a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Delores Scoville was hostess to a Ronalds Ware party Friday evening, while Mrs. Clayton Ralph also entertained for Ronalds Ware demonstrator, Mrs. Irene Bowden on Wednesday evening.

Touring The Town With Amy

— Amy Campbell
Hello shoppers! How have you liked the bargains lately? Better than the weather, I hope.

Queen of the Western Range - that is the automatic Western-Holly Gas Range at Gordon Motors. This beautiful gas range is built to stand with everything to offer. The new pyrex aircell oven window is always clear, it is a new non-fogging pyrex that you will like. Drop in and set it soon.

Gardeners, border your flower beds with the folding fences selling at the Merc. Of 10 feet in length and different designs these are attractive and useful.

Men! You'll look smart in the rain if you wear a Kadar raincoat. Kadar is a fine synthetic waterproof material that you will like. This distinctive tailored rainwear can be found at the Merc.

This July, ladies and children will want to wear Koolies, the white Savage sandals that appeal to everyone. You can see them in Burns Shoe Store window.

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Mother, if you want little brother and sister to be the best dressed children there, dress them in Jack and Jill Suits. For more comfort, finer workmanship and excellent styling, buy an outfit at the Merc. The little boys white vest, grey pants and bowtie match the girls grey pleated skirt and white vest - two smart outfits.

Wouldn't you like to get rid of garbage cans and outdoor trash? The Caloric double duty automatic gas dis (continued on page three)

Miss Joy Litchfield underwent an appendectomy in the local hospital on Tuesday.

High School Renort

—Amy Campbell

For areal Western Hoe-Down you should've been sitting in the High school gym, Friday afternoon, May 13. Sundown on the range revealed cowpunchers and cowgirls settled in the corral among fence posts, straw bundles and saddles, ready for a real hoe-down. Annie Gasler led the audience in "Oh Canada" and Roger Kirkham told some funny jokes and welcomed everyone, to the grade 10A Round-up. The gang harmonized and sang lustily, "She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain". What should be more fitting than a gay square dance. Four couples fell in position and danced to their hearts content. Janice Rudd gave a reading about a little cowpoke. Then a real cowgirl Annie Oakley (Gasler) sang "Buttons and Bows" with all the necessary actions. The audience went wild when George Kon-

do played his guitar and sang those cowboy songs. A group of singers, Necla Holt, Annette Lybbert, Doug King and Dale Christensen sang. Everyone shouted with glee when Four different couples did another square dance. Jim Walker played two popular piano selections. A general sing song of Western tunes, "Don't Fence Me In, "Home On The Range", and "Pistol Packin Mama" were sung and the program came to a conclusion with everyone ready to head for the open range.

Band Festival Montana Day In Lethbridge

The Second Annual Canadian Legion Band Festival, which will be held in Lethbridge, Alberta, on Saturday May 28th, in conjunction with "Montana Day", promises to be even more colorful than the initial Festival held last year. Patterned after the Harve Band Festival, the big Canadian event was a instant success. The Committee in charge of the Festival has already paid several visits to Montana points lining up bands to participate in the gala event.

Already twenty-one Canadian and American bands have signified their intention of attending, including the famous Elks Corps Band from Great Falls; Chester, Shelby, Conrad, Chateau, Rudyard, Sunburst, Chinook and Gilmont from Montana, and Canadian bands from Milk River, Cowley, Pincher Creek, the HMCS Tecumseh Band from Calgary, the Calgary Highlanders, Crows Nest Pass, Taber, Fernie, Tilley, the RCEME, RCE, and the Army and Navy (Kiltie) band from Lethbridge.

To add an additional touch to the Festival, Boy and Girl Dolls have already been delivered to the participating American Bands and these will be dressed in costume chosen by each Band. The dolls have been collected by the Lethbridge Canadian Legion Committee and returned to the Canadian City to display in store windows there. Judges will determine the most colorfully dressed pair of dolls and a prize of \$250.00 will be awarded to the winning band for their entry.

A big Queen contest will also be staged and thirteen Queens from various points have already entered. The Queen will be elected by votes thru sale of tickets of the individual Bands and the lucky winner will be crowned "Queen of the Festival" at the big band concert to be held in the Lethbridge Arena, Saturday night. All bands sending Queens to Lethbridge are issued tickets which they can sell to gain votes for their Queen; the (continued on page four)

REWARD

Mail matter, including a number of cheques, the property of the Bank of Montreal, has been lost in Raymond.

An award of \$50 will be paid for the return, or information leading to the return, of the lost cheques.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. Harris Walker The Taylor Stake Aaronic Priest-
 entertained recently at a turkey sup- hood classes and girls of the same
 per in honor of her father, Wm. F. age group held their annual party in
 Russell's 77th birthday. Guests in- the Stake Recreation Hall Friday ev-
 cluded; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Russell ening. The large crowd in attendance
 Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Russell, Mrs. Bob enjoyed the entertaining program M.
 Russell, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Asplund C'd by Seminary Bill Nalder. Don
 and children, Bill and Christine, Mr. Petrak, Eddie Potts and his sisters
 and Mrs. C. M. Peterson and daugh- all of Lethbridge played, and sang
 ter, Lydean, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pet- several musical selections. Nyle Flet-
 erson, Mr. and Mrs. Sham Stevens, cher of Magrath entertained with a
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Russell, Dr. variety of imitations and the Stirl-
 and Mrs. Glenn C. Russell all of Leth- ling Quartett with Ron Clarke, Ron
 bridge and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Rus- Stevenson, Marvin Hogenson and Mel
 sell and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Russell Spackman furnished a number of vocal
 of Diamond City. The sumptuous meal numbers. A buffet luncheon was
 was followed by a few games and followed by dancing to Mose Fromm's
 visiting. records. It was a very successful
 party.

Miss Carole Heggie is home after
 working in Lethbridge for the past
 month.

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Mrs. Beth Walker and Mrs. Eliza-
 beth Kiddle were co-hostesses on Mon-
 day evening at the formers home,
 when they entertained the Glee-Elte
 Club. Plans were made for their clos-
 ing party to be held at the home of
 Mrs. Mabel Pack. Singing practice
 was enjoyed as well as the lunch
 served.

Mrs. Marge Vincent was pleasantly
 surprised by her primary class on
 Tuesday afternoon when they had a
 party for her. After the lesson lunch
 was served by the girls.

Ye Editor, Max Hamilton under-
 went major surgery in local hospital
 on Tuesday.

Garden Treats For Spring

by Consumer Section
 Marketing Service
 Canada Department of Agriculture

Can you name a spring vegetable
 that is related to the orchid, the
 Easter lily, the narcissus and the
 gladiolus? The home economists of
 the Consumer Section, Canadian Dept.
 of Agriculture, say it certainly isn't
 rhubarb (although the botanists in-
 sist it too is a vegetable), so it must
 be asparagus. Both of these garden
 treats are spring time favourites and
 when we see them popping up in
 our gardens or plentiful at the market
 we can be sure that summer is not
 far away.

Asparagus grew wild along the
 shore of the Mediterranean as long
 ago as 200 B. C. The Romans recog-
 nized it for the good food that it is
 and they took it along with them to
 England. There it was cultivated and
 prized as a delicacy and a luxury that
 only the wealthy could afford to en-
 joy. Today thanks to years of cultiva-
 tion, we can all enjoy its fresh green
 goodness, some of us from our own
 asparagus patch.

When choosing asparagus remem-
 ber that it is like a sprout and as
 the bud develops the stalks become
 woody. If you buy asparagus that has
 firm bright green stalks with com-
 pact tips you will generally find that
 the stems are tender and crisp. A
 wilted appearance or a spreading tip
 on the asparagus stalk is often an
 indication that it has been cut for
 sometime and the stalk may be tough
 and woody. Asparagus loses its eat-
 ing quality very rapidly after it has
 been picked and once it is bought
 it should be used as soon as possible.
 If it must be held, it should be wash-
 ed well and dried, then stored in an
 airtight plastic bag or a covered dish
 in the refrigerator.

Rhubarb came to us from Europe
 too. Originally it lived in Asia and
 for many centuries the Chinese have
 used the roots of a larger, coarser
 rhubarb for medicine. Rhubarb also
 has been known by the name of pie
 plant, presumably because of its de-
 liciousness in pies.

The young colourful stalks of rhub-
 arb are apt to be more tender and
 juicy and have a better flavour than
 the late ones. And as the rhubarb
 season is quite short, two months at
 the most, the home economists sug-
 gest you freeze or can it early in the
 season.

If you are lucky enough to have a
 home freezer or locker you will want
 to freeze some asparagus to be used
 for dressing up meals and party lunch-
 es next winter. The young tender
 stalks are best for freezing and there
 should be as little time as possible
 elapsing between the picking and the
 freezing of the finished product. Wash
 the asparagus thoroughly, being care-
 ful to remove any dirt which may be
 hidden under the scale found cluster-
 ed on the stalks. Cut the stalks in
 uniform lengths to fit your moisture
 vapour - proof freezer containers. The
 butt ends you trim off may be saved
 and frozen separately to be used later
 in soups and creamed dishes.

Blanch medium-sized stalks three
 minutes and larger stalks four min-
 utes in boiling water, to preserve the
 natural colour and flavour. Cool quick-
 ly by placing the asparagus under
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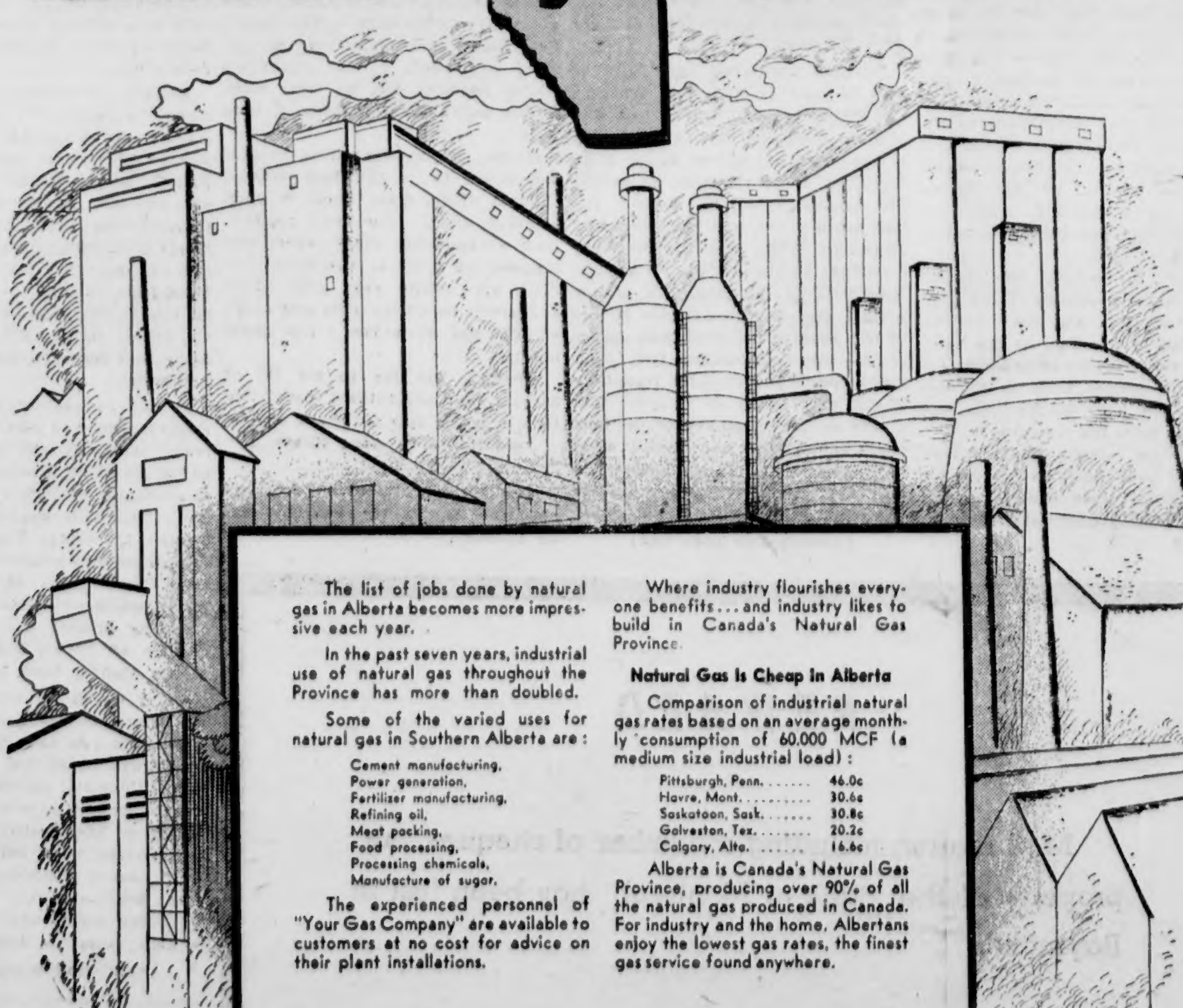
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Miss Charlene Sommerfeldt, who is attending school in Logan, Utah, was home for the Mothers Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alma Sommerfeldt.

Students who have returned home from the U of A in Edmonton are: Jack Holt, Allan Tollestrup, Ronald Spackman, Jeanne Sauwatara and Ginger Evans.

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GARDEN TREATS

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cold running water or by plunging it into ice water. Drain thoroughly and then pack carefully into the containers, seal and freeze as quickly as possible.

When cooking asparagus wash and trim the stalks and tie them in a bunch and stand them upright in an inch or two of boiling water in a deep saucepan or use the lower part of a double boiler with the top inverted over it. This will prevent the tender tips from becoming overcooked by the time the stems are tender.

Rhubarb is just about the simplest is required is to remove the leaves fruit (or vegetable) to freeze. All that and root ends, wash and drain the stalks, cut them up and freeze them in moisture - proof wrapping or containers. Some people prefer to freeze the stalks just cut in two or three pieces but if you cut them in 1 - inch slices they are all ready to use for

stewing or in pies and puddings.

If you wish to sweeten the rhubarb at freezing time you may pack the 1-inch pieces in dry sugar using 5 pounds of prepared fruit (about 16 cups) to 1 pound of sugar (2 cups). The sugar is sprinkled over the rhubarb and stirred lightly to coat the pieces before packing into freezer containers. Or the cut up pieces of rhubarb may be packed into containers and covered with cold medium syrup. This syrup is made by adding 1 cup of water then stirring to dissolve the sugar. This makes about 1½ cups of one cup syrup for pint containers and syrup and it requires two-thirds to one to one and one half cups for quart containers.

Stewed rhubarb or rhubarb sauce which is stewed rhubarb with the pieces broken up, may be frozen also, as given above or dry pack frozen. Use the same proportions of sugar rhubarb, and cook the rhubarb slowly until tender in the top of a double boiler or in a covered casserole in

the oven. Cool, pack in freezer containers leaving a one - half - inch head space for expansion, and freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor and daughter Mrs. Carolyn Wallace have returned after a three week visit in the U. S. They visited in Ogden, with Mr. - Mrs. Frank Newman (Marolyn) in Salt Lake City with Dr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor, who have a new baby daughter and then in Tuscola, Ill. with Mr. - Mrs. Byron Anderson (Shirley) who also have a new baby daughter.

Carolyn also visited with her in-laws the Wallaces in Salt Lake City. She and her new daughter plan on joining her husband, who is stationed in Germany with the U. S. Armed forces, as soon as she obtains her necessary papers.

Jessilyn Jessop had 22 boys and girls in on Friday after school to help her celebrate her 8th birthday. After vacuum ware is represented in the variety of games her mother, Mrs. Margaret Jessop served a very tasty lunch to the children.

TOURING THE TOWN

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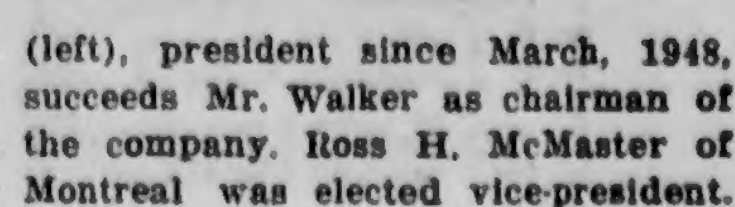
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For those wishing to stay over the weekend, everything possible is being done to see that their stay is happy and interesting. The famous Great Falls Elks Band will stage a concert in the Civic Centre Stadium, Sunday; a very interesting Soccer Football game will be on the bill of fare; both Golf Clubs will welcome visitors.



David Walker celebrated his 6th birthday on Friday of last week with 22 of his young friends. Games were followed by a very nice lunch served by his mother, Mrs. Harris Walker.

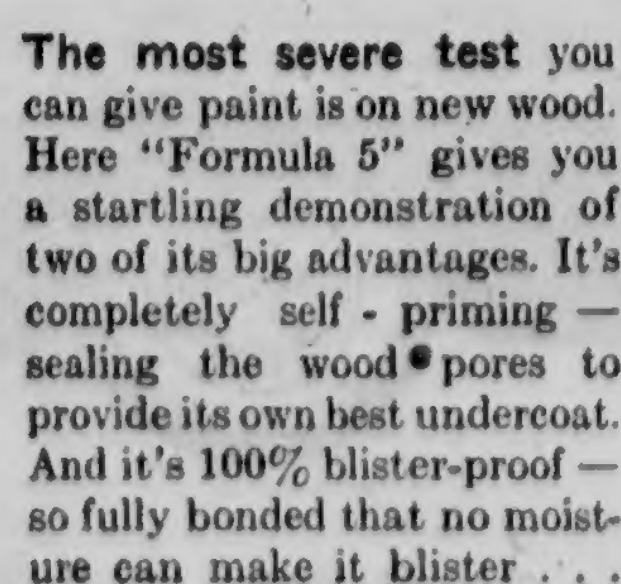
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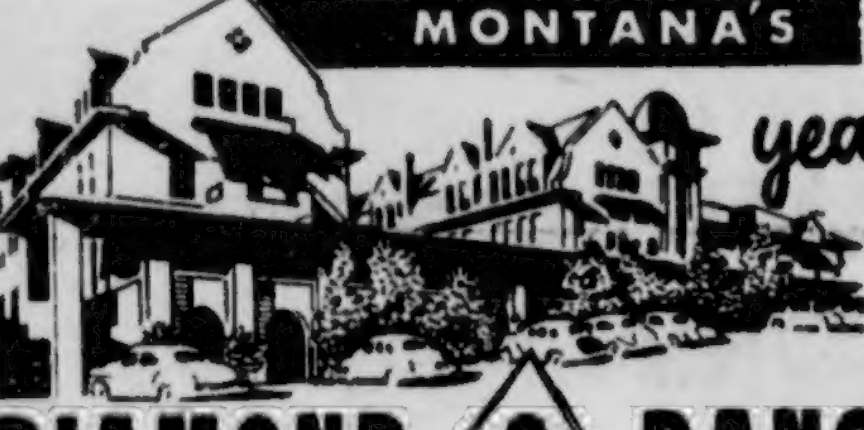
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JOURNEY TO JAPAN

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dull blue kimono - with wide bretelle shoulders.

The music starts, a series of solo guttural howls, starting at low notes rising to crescendo and terminated by a slap of the hand drum.

Then the flute in similar tones - followed by a similar chorus. So the story is depicted and tragedy announced.

The first play was Hachinoki - The Four Plants - First the actor entered as the woman, masked, with gorgeous robes then the ruler disguised as a priest. The woman explains that her husband the Samurai Warrior is away and because they have no food or fire she cannot offer her home. He turns away down the mountain, but the husband comes and follows him, and when the traveller returns he is warmed by the Samurai who sacrifices and burns his last possessions, four plants of cherry, pine, bamboo and plum, to warm his guest. In the next scene the Ruler has returned to his Palace. He issues a call for his Samurai - the poor soldier, answers the call, and is rewarded for his hospitality by a gift of land and retainers. This story does not give you, the slightest hint of the noisy music, gesturing, and action which goes slowly on to its finish. All parts are by men actors.

There were two interlude plays - short skits, one of a blind man, which was tremendous acting.

The second play was the famous Dojogi. The story concerned a sacred bell, for a new shrine. As the priests gathered to dedicate the bell, an innkeeper's daughter fell in love with one of them and when spurned, to get revenge turned herself into a serpent, and performed a dance around the bell. It was typified by a vast purple silk bell in the center stage. During the action of the play the bell dropped over the woman, then turned red hot because of her wickedness, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned". Those who touched it were burned. Finally the Chief priest and the others, chanted, and rubbed their rosary beads together, the climax getting more and more furious. Believe it or not, the combination of drums, flute, chorus and howls, with the priests activities really got you excited. The bell lifted, and lo, the woman, was now a devil, with a devil mask, who for sometime put the Priests to flight but finally was exorcised and retreated along the corridor.

Such was Dojogi - the Noh Play. We left feeling we had been in another and far different world.

We should perhaps add a line about Her Majesty, for the benefit of our Raymond ladies.

She is a well preserved, charming stylish woman.

Her party arrived in a cortege of automobiles. The populace was held back by police officers, but we were in the lobby of the theater and bowed low to her and her Princess daughter Takuma. All the actors and orchestra were lined up to honor her appearance.

Norma says she was a gracious personality, a very pretty woman, and we were impressed by the politeness of the audience who stayed quietly at their seats, until she arose, smiled and bowed, and was answered by the deep bows of her people.

The royal party was driven away in a closed Cadillac car, marked by the Imperial Chrysanthemum crest and so we got back to the earthy traffic of Tokyo, by means of a 70 Yen Cab.

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Elizabeth M. Bartman,
Lethbridge

With the burst of yellow daffodils and the shy emerging of the crocus, we know for certain that nature's glories are unfolding quickly now.

Some of us have already planted garden seed, but for those of you who haven't I'd like to remind you again of a splendid little booklet which is a gardener's true guide book should be he enthusiastic about grubbing about in Alberta's soil. This Horticultural Guide gives you a list of recommended fruits and vegetables for each of the zones in our province, concise information concerning many hardy ornamental plants, gladiolus and peony varieties, hardy trees and shrubs, as well as making of compost heaps and the control of garden pests. These are all facts of value to every home and commercial gardener. For the home-maker there are the vegetable varieties which are suitable for freezing, those that give the best flavor treat when frozen for the dining table.

"The Gardener's Handbook" is one of the publications of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, that gives instructions for laying out the garden, sowing the seed and thinning the seedlings. Should you need directions for construction of a hotbed or a coldframe you will find it here. "Vegetable Growing" gives the cultural directions for many vegetables such as asparagus, artichokes, order to have its excellent condition broccoli, spinach, to name only the over many years. This has been successfully carried out on the main

lawns on the Experimental Station, Melfort, Saskatchewan, where, according to Mr. R. H. Anderson, the lawns have been maintained in good condition without watering for a period of seventeen years.

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A weekly report on the happenings in the Provincial Legislature, specially written by Ken Mason.

EDMONTON — The big news in Alberta last week was Premier Manning's sudden announcement in the legislature that a general election will be held this summer, and the country-side will once again ring with the sound and fury of political campaigning.

When the premier made the announcement to a hushed legislative assembly last Thursday, it climaxed several hours of tense excitement and feverish behind-the-scenes activity precipitated by a Liberal bomb shell questioning the status of every legislature for the past 17 years.

After the premier made his statement, the tension was finished, and Social Credit back-benchers launched into prolonged desk-thumping and shouts of "hear! Hear!" that lasted for at least 60 seconds.

Not so happy and somewhat taken aback were members of the opposition who weren't prepared for an election this year and began wondering if they hadn't made a tactical error by pushing things too far. They had already caused the government considerable annoyance and embarrassment during the recent session, and next year probably would have been an election year anyway.

The Social Crediters probably will be quite satisfied to say the election has been called because Liberal leader J. Harper Prowse claimed most members had disqualified themselves from membership by dealing with provincial treasury branches.

Premier Manning already has labelled the charge "absurd", and calls it unwarranted persecution. The government also claims the Liberal leader was wrong in law by claiming a savings account with or loan from a treasury branch disqualifies a member by constituting a contact with the government.

But opposition parties would sooner have their campaigns on other issues. The Progressive Conservatives and the CCF already have issued statements saying the real issues in the election technically of treasury branch dealings are more important than the legal ones.

Strange things have caused elections before, but this may go into the books as one of the strangest.

When the legislature was prorogued and then dissolved, it left some important business unfinished. One of the major items was the bill which would permit establishment of producer-controlled marketing boards.

The house agriculture committee had just started studying the matter when the Liberals threw their latest bombshell and abruptly ended the session. The committee had heard from Roy Masler, of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, who was claiming the majority of Alberta farmers want to control the marketing of their produce through producer boards. The next item was to be a lengthy brief from the Western Stock Growers' Association, strongly opposed to producer marketing boards.

Another major item was the bill to provide the conservation and efficient use of land, forest and water resources. When he introduced it earlier, Hon. L. C. Halmrast, minister of agriculture, described it as one of the most important of the session.

It would provide establishment of a board of experts to study various types of land in the province and advise farmers on the best land use. The minister said grey wooded soil areas and new homestead lease areas would receive early attention from the board.

Although both these bills are dead at present, there will undoubtedly be a special session of the house after the election, and they probably will come up again.

This also goes for the bill to provide a \$50 Golden Jubilee gift to recipients of provincial pensions and allowances. No matter what government is elected, it would have to pass that it's been promised.

BEHIND THE SCENES — Social Credit back-benchers knew about the impending election about 24 hours before the public did, but they weren't talking. Within minutes after Mr. Prowse shocked the assembly, Premier Manning adjourned the house and his followers gathered for an emergency caucus behind closed doors in the executive council chamber. They emerged about three hours later, with nothing to say.

By house-opening time the next day it was obvious something was in the wind. The galleries were filled with former MLA's, a few government officials, Social Credit followers, and curious spectators who were expecting something in view of the proceedings the day before.

Premier Manning started his own personal election campaign the day

after dissolution of the assembly. He said that if Social Credit is re-elected a special session will be called immediately, and unfinished business completed, including the Golden Jubilee bonus gift for pensioners.

It didn't take long for Social Credit members to start cleaning up their desks after the premier announced prorogation. They were busy even before Hon. J. J. Bowlen, lieutenant-governor, entered the assembly to dismiss them.

Some of the most disappointed people were members of the press gallery. Things happened so fast they didn't have time to bombard the MLA with the traditional shower of waste paper on prorogation.



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The United Church held a very successful cooking school on Wednesday evening. About 40 prizes were given away at this event.

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Hilarious games concluded the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shaw entertained at a farewell party recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Deb Thompson. As guests they had; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Genier Neilson, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralph and Mrs. Bernice Evans of Houston, Texas.

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